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to Khrushchev letter.

Foreign Minister yesterday issued following public statement, unnecessary words omitted:

"Very serious situation Cuba which worried world now seems to have taken fortunate turn.

"In statement issued by Minister-President Khrushchev this afternoon he has mentioned decision of Soviet Union abandon rocket bases in Cuba.

"American President stated he considers Soviet decision important and constructive contribution to peace. Contact existing in recent days between US and Soviet Union thus seems to have created basis for solution Cuba conflict. It is my hope this expectation will prove justified and coming period will see this problem brought to final decision in peace.

"I hope that fortunate solution this matter may create such an improvement of atmosphere in major political negotiations that possibilities will exist for relaxation and progress in disarmament negotiations."

Soviet and Polish Ambassadors called on Foreign Minister October 25 at their request but nature discussions not yet known.

Demonstrations conducted in front of Embassy by "Cuba Committee" October 23, 24 and 25, participants appearing be mostly of student age and known to include young communists and members Socialist Peoples Party. Same groups organized mass meeting Copenhagen City Hall Square October 24 attended by estimated 800-1000 persons. Largest demonstration at Embassy involving 300-400 was night of October 24, during which one policeman reported suffer head injury requiring hospitalization. On October 25 police wearing steel helmets blocked off entire block fronting Embassy. No property damage involved. Danish Folketing scheduled debate Cuban situation at Wednesday session.

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